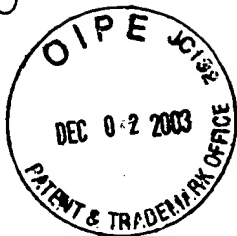



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Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the Office Communication dated November 10, 2003 for the above-identified application. In response to the November 10<sup>th</sup> Office Communication, Applicants hereby cancel the amended claims submitted with the Amendment and Response to Office Action dated October 8, 2003 and re-submit them as new claims 71-77. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.